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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Shih-yung Hsieh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Headen (4,603,606) in view of Leu (5,020,398).

Regarding claims 1 and 2, Headen discloses an apparatus comprising a shaft (16) having two ends and including a socket opening (100) in at least one end of the shaft; and a handle (26) connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing (20, and col. 4, lines 54-55) except that a second socket opening in the other end of the shaft, and the handle is connected an intermediate distance along the shaft.

Leu teaches a wrench having a second socket opening (40c) in an other end of a shaft (32) and a handle (34 or 46) connected an intermediate distance along the shaft for providing sockets of varying sizes and for increased torque (col. 1, lines 43-44, and col. 2, line 15). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Headen's apparatus as taught by Leu to include a second socket opening in the other end of the shaft and the handle being connected an intermediate distance along the shaft for the purpose of providing sockets of varying sizes and for increased torque.

Regarding claim 3, Headen discloses the claimed invention (Figs. 4 and 5).

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3. Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Usuda (5,689,076) in view of Headen.

Regarding claim 4, Usuda discloses a drum key comprising a shaft (the portion above socket 44 shown in Fig. 4) including a socket opening (44) in at least one end of the shaft (Fig. 4); and a handle (42) connected to the shaft; wherein the socket opening can engage the terminal end of the tension rod.

The different between Usuda's drum key and claim 4 is that claim 4 recites a handle connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing.

Headen teaches a handle connected to a shaft by a unidirectional bearing for improving torque application system and for directional torque transmission (col. 2, lines 67-68, and col. 3, lines 1-3). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Usuda's drum key as taught by Headen to include a handle connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing for the purpose of improving torque application system and for directional torque transmission.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, see above reasoning and statement addressing claims 2 and 3.

4. Claim 7 is allowed.

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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6. Applicant's arguments filed 6/13/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argued that "the teaching of the need to improve torque alone is insufficient to direct one of the ordinary skill in the art to combine specific teachings.

The examiner disagrees. The teaching of the need to improve torque alone is sufficient to direct one of the ordinary skill in the art to combine specific teachings of the references.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-yung Hsieh whose telephone number is 571-272-2065. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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